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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF INTERNAL DISTURBANCES IN BURUNDI

1. FREE METHODIST MISSIONARY CHURCH HEADQUARTERS,WINNONA LAKE, INDIANA,CONTACTED DEPARTMENT MAY 14 TO INQUIRE INTO REPORT OF POLITICAL DISORDERS IN BURUNDI. METHODIST MISSIONARY HEADQUARTERS HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM MISSIONARY RESIDENT IN BUJUMBURA INFORMING HEADQUARTERS OFFICIAL THAT MISSIONARY FAMILY OF VIRGIL JAMES KIRKPATRICK AND WIFE MARTHA, B.P. 667, BEING DETAINED UNDER HOUSE ARREST BY LOCAL POLICE IN BUJUMBURA. LETTER ALSO SAYS THAT MISSION RADIO (CORDAC) HAS BEEN ORDERED OFF THE AIR BY GBR AND THAT QUOTE COMMUNIST INFLUENCES HAVE LEAD TO POLITICAL UPRISINGS UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS OF KIRKPATRICK FAMILY AS WELL AS ON LOCAL CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD RELATE TO METHODISTS' CONCERNS. KISSINGER

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